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Welcome new GlobalABC members

EREI
Kolibri
Majid Al Futtaim

If you’re interested in getting in touch with our new members, please contact us.

News from the GlobalABC Secretariat

COVID-19 - Building Back Better

At a time when half the world’s population is living under some form of restriction of movement to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus, we are reminded of how important our homes are to our well-being. Read an article by
Martina Otto, Head, Cities Unit, UNEP | GlobalABC Secretariat reflecting on how we can build a sustainable and more inclusive future together, with a zero emission, efficient and resilient buildings and construction sector.

Have a piece on COVID-19 and buildings? Share it with us at global.abc@un.org.

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GlobalABC Website - Brand new face!

The GlobalABC website has a new face! Thanks to an additional contribution of France, our website has been revamped, featuring new pages and functions, informing about GlobalABC and member activities and encouraging members and partners to engage. If you haven't visited yet, we invite you to explore it as much as possible and send us your feedback!

Visit now

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GlobalABC member & buildings news

COVID-19 Stimulus Spending for Green Construction Means Building Back Better

The new article from the Programme for Energy Efficiency in Buildings (PEEB) explores how short-term stimulus packages can become a double tool for economic recovery and environmental sustainability, by setting smart and effective criteria for green buildings.

Read article
**Starting a Renovation Wave**

The World Green Building Council's latest report profiles how leading cities and companies are working to put Europe on the path to becoming the world's first climate neutral continent, through the Renovation Wave.

[Read more](#)

**An Action Plan For The Renovation Wave: Collectively Achieving Sustainable Buildings In Europe**

BPIE developed a set of recommendations for all stakeholders which could support economic recovery post COVID-19, and trigger a renovation wave and achieve climate neutrality for Europe’s building stock by 2050: An Action Plan for the Renovation Wave: Collectively achieving sustainable buildings in Europe.

[Learn more](#)

**EU urged to bring building ‘renovation wave’ into recovery plan**

How the Renovation Wave can ensure long-term sustainability measures are prioritised wherever possible in the recovery plans? Learn more in the link below.

[Read more](#)

**Dublin MEP pushes ‘neighbourhood’ approach to building renovation**

Learn more about this call for the European Commission to introduce “integrated renovation programmes” (IRPs) at EU level in order to speed up “deep renovation” of the existing building stock across entire neighbourhoods.

[Read more](#)
Construction Causes Major Pollution. Here’s How We Can Build Better.

This article from the Huffington Post shows that the construction industry is four times more polluting than air travel. Making it more sustainable is critical to protecting our health and the climate. Learn more in the link below.

Read article

Sustainable architecture around the world

In this article, see 18 examples of green buildings around the world.

Read more

The passive house that’s aggressively green

Take a tour of this six-story MIT building designed to the “Passive House” standard and why it’s so energy efficient.

Read more

Green buildings in Vancouver

As a special for Earth Day 2020, sustainability experts show their top picks for green buildings in Vancouver!

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Calls, Initiatives & Funding

Prepare your case study: the Green Solutions Awards return in September

The Green Solutions Awards, an international competition for sustainable buildings, neighborhoods and infrastructure, were not launched in March as every year. Instead, for their new edition, the kick-off will be given in September during World Green Building Week! Learn more about the application.

Read more
NDC Support Facility - funding opportunity for cooling

[Proposals by 26 June] Launched in January 2020, the NDC Support Facility for Efficient, Climate-Friendly Cooling (NDC Facility) provides funding and guidance to organizations to support governments that want to integrate cooling solutions into the next round of their country’s Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), which are expected to culminate at the 2020 UNFCCC climate negotiations (COP26) in Glasgow. It has up to US$12 million available for technical assistance (TA) to improve access to and the efficiency of cooling in developing countries. Proposals are due by 26 June 2020. To learn more about how to apply for funding, click on the link below.

Call for Papers! - 24th International Passive House Conference 2020 - Submit your abstract

The Call for Papers for the 24th International Passive House Conference in Berlin, Germany is open until 2 March 2020. Everybody is welcome to submit a Passive House related abstract and become a part of the exciting and instructive conference programme.

WorldGBC Online Case Study Library

WorldGBC’s interactive digital case study library map showcases some of the world’s most cutting-edge sustainable buildings. Launched in November 2019, it recognizes the growing market demand to highlight the ‘best in class’ buildings that excel in key areas of sustainability, and the role of certification schemes to provide third party assurance of performance. Click the button below to learn how to submit a case.

Would you like to see your organizations events featured in the next GlobalABC newsletter or on the GlobalABC website? Send us your updates at global.abc@un.org.

GlobalABC Flagship Products
2019 Global Status Report

Executive Summaries in other languages in this link.

Read full report

A Guide for Incorporating Buildings Actions in the NDCs
A first edition designed to address the urgent need for further extending the scope and ambition of building sector actions in NDCs. Developed with and through GlobalABC member countries.

Read full report

GlobalABC Global Roadmap
This Roadmap describes the main goals and steps for a transformation towards a zero-emission, efficient, and resilient buildings and construction sector. The GlobalABC is regionalizing the Roadmap for Africa, Asia, and Latin America.

Read full report

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